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Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Docket No: S63.2-8606

AMENDMENT

This Amendment is in response to the Office Action mailed April 26, 2002.

In the Claims:

Please cancel claim 33 from the Application without prejudice or disclaimer.

REMARKS

This Amendment is in response to the Office Action mailed April 26, 2002, wherein claims 22-35 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. §112, first paragraph and claims 22-34 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. §102(e) as being anticipated by U.S. 5,827,321 to Roubin et al (Roubin).

Applicants note that the section headings of the comments presented below, correspond to those of the Office Action of April 26, 2002.